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FOR M.D. MCDONOUGH, DIP

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SUBJECT: FBR FUEL REPROCESSING STUDY

1. SUMITOMO ATOMIC ENERGY INDUST (SAEI) HAS BEEN ASKED BY PNC TO DO A SURVEY OF OPEN LITERATURE ON FBR FUEL REPROCESSING IN THE US. SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY NOV 30, 1975. SAEI ASKED BNW TO DO IT FOR THEM. ACCORDING TO SAEI SR MANAGING DIRECTOR DR. SHIRO HOKI, BNW FIRST REFUSED BECAUSE THEY SAY ERDA WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO COMMENT, DISCUSS OR DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. BNW HAS ACCESS TO PRIVILEGED ERDA INFO. SAEI REPEATED REQUEST TO BNW, SAYING SIMPLY A SURVEY OF CURRENT LITERATURE WITH NO COMMENTS WOULD SUFFICE. AGAIN BNW REFUSED, SAYING THEY DO NOT DESIRE USE SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS ON LITERATURE SEARCH.

2. SAEI ALSO REQUESTED BECHTEL, WHO REFUSED AND EBASCO TO NO RESPONSE, TO DO SAME WORK.

3. SAEI QUESTIONS THAT ERDA MAY HAVE POLICY NOT ALLOWING ERDA CONTRACTORS OR DISCOURAGING US ORGANIZATIONS TO DO STUDY ON US FBR FUEL REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY. IF THIS TRUE SAEI WILL DO STUDY THEMSELVES AND HOPE TO DISCUSS IT WITH ERDA SPECIALIST AFTER COMPLETION. THEY HAVE ASKED EMBASSY TO CLARIFY ERDA POLICY.

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RM ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON ERDA POLICY BE FBR FUEL
REPROCESSING INFO AND ADVICE TO PASS TO SAEI CONCERNING
POSSIBILITY US COMPANY DOING SURVEY.
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